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# MUTOPIA™

**MARVEL**

**LIMITED  
SERIES**

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Previously in the Marvel Universe...

MAGNETO has lost the war against the humans, the war for which he sacrificed the well-being of his children. Now he is forced to watch his daughter Wanda suffer the loss of control over both her powers and her grip on reality.

PROFESSOR XAVIER, unable to help Wanda, gathers the Avengers and the X-MEN to decide what to do with her. Not convinced that killing her is the only solution, the gathered heroes travel to GENOSHA to confront Wanda.

Then the world burns to white. Welcome to the House of M. Nothing will ever be the same...

# HOUSE OF M MUTOPIA

Not all is well in the House of M. Mutant/Sapien relationships are as tense as ever. Recently, a member of the terrorist group, the SAPIEN LEAGUE, blew himself up at a rap concert. The day was saved, however, by two mutant cops, JIMMY and the mysterious LUCAS BISHOP.

Bishop is later partnered with special agent ISMAEL ORTEGA to protect entertainment mogul (and suspected gangster) DANIEL KAUFMAN.

A terrorist attack is expected to take place at the premiere of Kaufman's new movie, so Bishop and Ismael join Kaufman, along with the gangster's "arm-candy," LARA THE ILLUSIONIST.

The attack indeed takes place, but Kaufman survives. During the melee, Ismael protects Lara, and their eyes meet while dodging Sentinel fire. Does Ismael have feelings for the shape-shifting actress? He'd better not, as Kaufman would never stand for it.

And there's also the little problem of Ismael's wife and two kids...

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I WANT HER!

YOU FIND HER! YOU FUH-FIND HER BEFORE THE FUH-FEDS GET TO HER, AND YOU BRING HER TO MUH--ME!

THAT BUH-BUH-BIMBO TRIED TO KUH--KILL ME!





SHE MUH--  
MADE ME LOSE  
MY TUH--TEMPE  
IN PUBLIC!  
YOU KNUH--  
KNOW HOW  
I HATE THAT!



I LUH--LOOK LIKE  
A--NNNGGG--LIKE A  
PSYCHOPATH!



DARLING,  
YOU ARE A  
PSYCHOPATH.



I, ON THE  
OTHER HAND,  
CAME OUT OF IT  
QUITE WELL, DON'T  
YOU THINK,  
KAUFMAN?



I OWE  
ISMAEL ORTEGA  
MY LIFE.

SO, LARA,  
HOW ABOUT A ROLE  
FOR AGENT ORTEGA  
IN YOUR NEXT  
MOVIE?



I THINK  
HE'D MAKE A  
WONDERFUL  
LEADING  
MAN.







Call me  
212-555 978  
L

IZZY, I JUST GOT A CALL FROM **MUTOPIA**. CHAMAYRA'S MENTOR SAYS SHE'S NOW READY FOR **THE RITE OF TRANSFORMATION**.

ALREADY?

HER MENTOR SET UP A MEETING WITH **ABSOLON MERCATOR** FOR TOMORROW. IF IT GOES WELL, THEY MAY BE ABLE TO FIT CHAMAYRA INTO MUTOPIA'S NEXT TRANSITION DAY.

TRANSITION INTO WHAT?

"INTO WHAT?"  
WHATEVER SHE WAS MEANT TO BE.

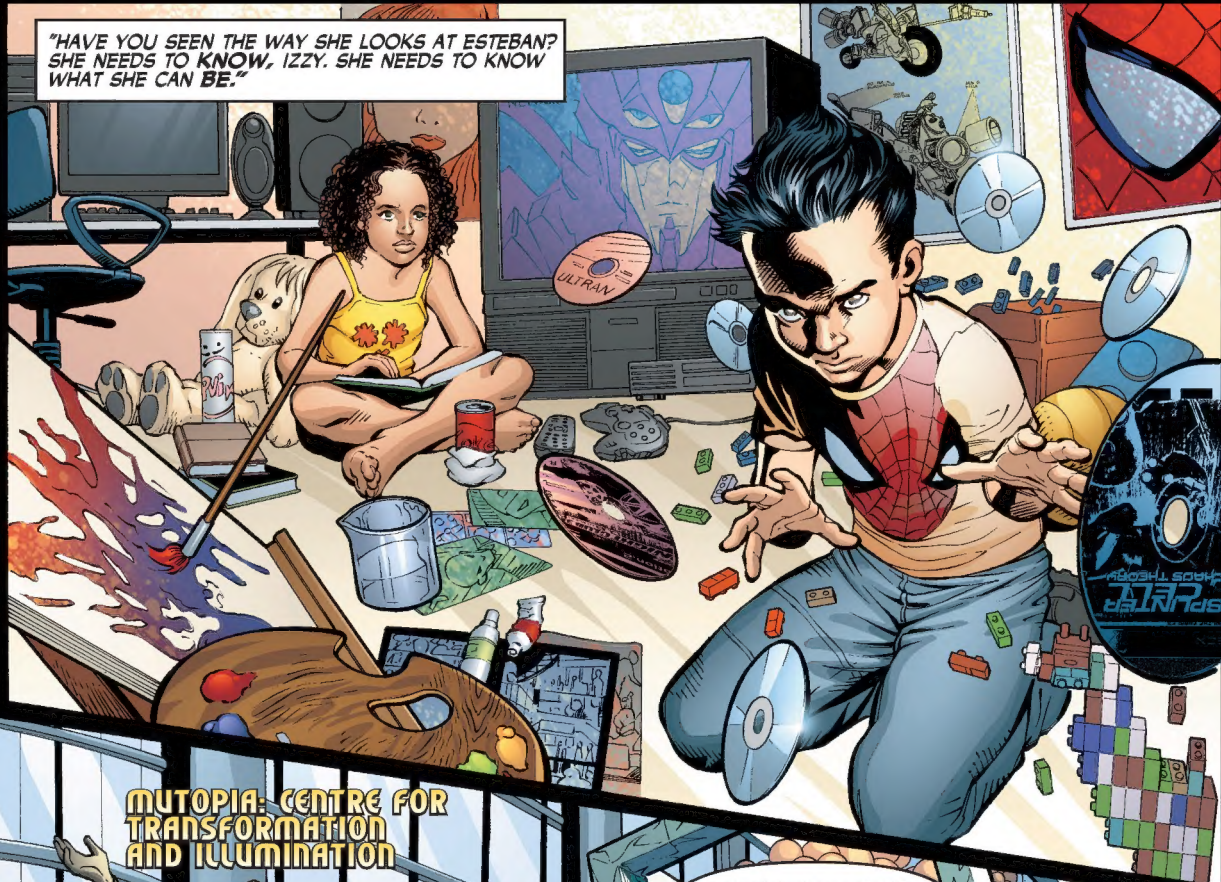
MAYBE SHE WAS MEANT TO BE THE WAY SHE IS.

SHE HAS **MUTANT GENES**, IZZY.

SHE WAS MEANT TO BE A **MUTANT**.



"HAVE YOU SEEN THE WAY SHE LOOKS AT ESTEBAN? SHE NEEDS TO KNOW, IZZY. SHE NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT SHE CAN BE."



MUTOPIA: CENTRE FOR  
TRANSFORMATION  
AND ILLUMINATION



THAT'S RIGHT, 'CAUSE IT WOULD BE TOO **HEAVY** FOR YOU, 'CAUSE LIKE, I CAN IMAGINE THINGS THAT WOULD MAKE YOU GO, LIKE, TOTALLY **INSANE** IN ONE MILLISECOND.

YOU ARE SO IMMATURE.

MAYBE SHE'LL BE LIKE **MOM** AND JUST Ooze OUT GUNK WHEN SHE SLEEPS.

MAYBE.





IZZY, THIS IS **PATRICIA HAMILTON**, CHAMY'S MENTOR.

MR. ORTEGA, I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT YOU.



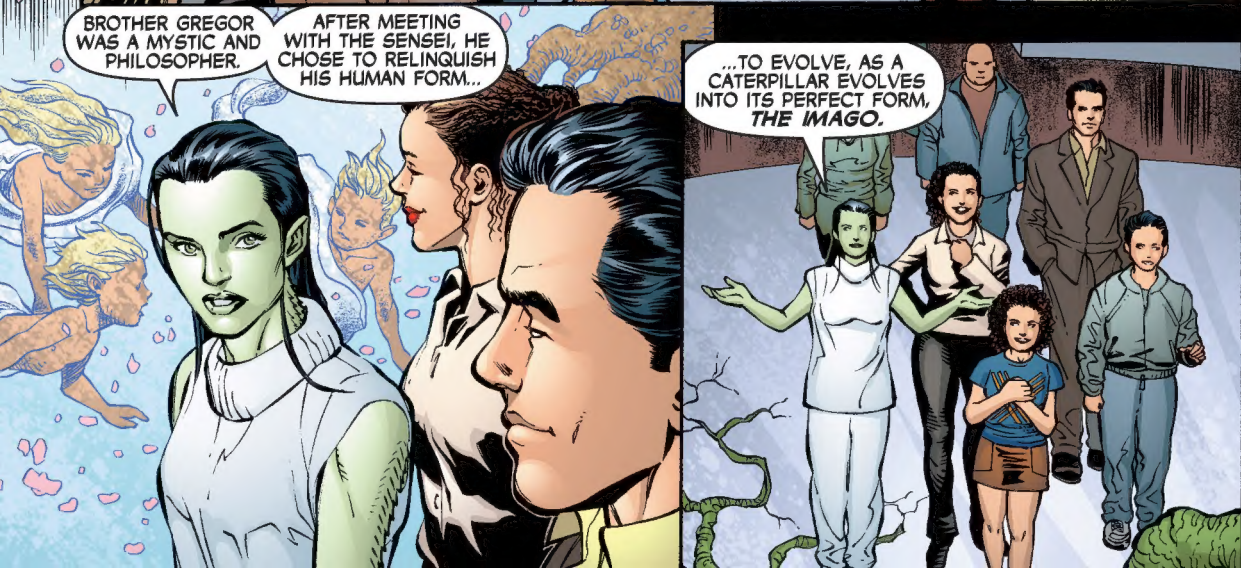
THESE MURALS WERE PAINTED BY THE VISIONARY ARTIST **NEMESIO PIETRI**. HE FORESAW THE COMING OF **SENSEI ABSOLON** AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF **BROTHER GREGOR**.

GREGOR IS THE **TREE**, RIGHT?

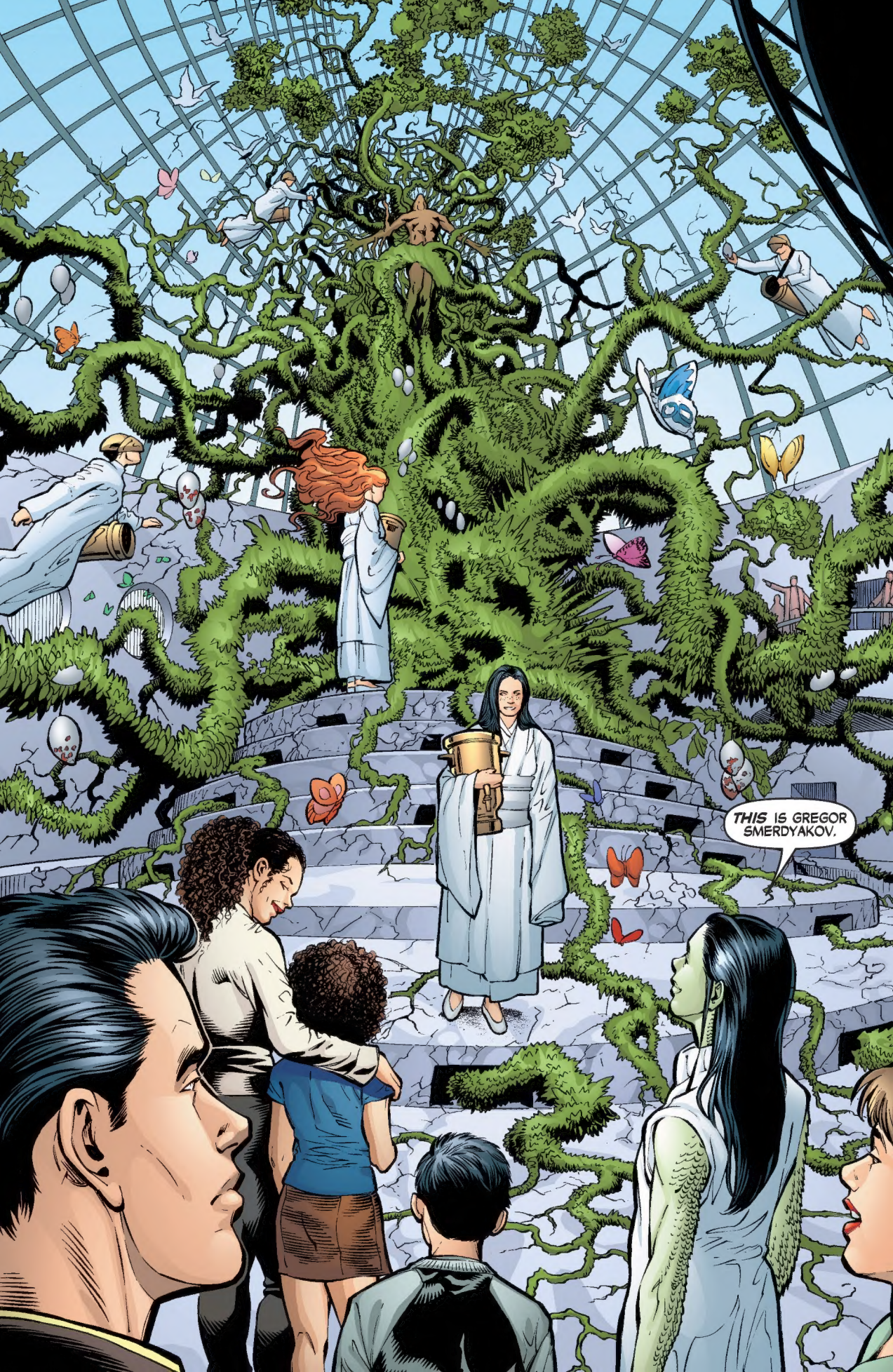
BROTHER GREGOR WAS A MYSTIC AND PHILOSOPHER.

AFTER MEETING WITH THE SENSEI, HE CHOSE TO RELINQUISH HIS HUMAN FORM...

...TO EVOLVE, AS A CATERPILLAR EVOLVES INTO ITS PERFECT FORM, **THE IMAGO**.







THIS IS GREGOR SMERDYAKOV.





WE USE *THIS FRUIT* IN THE RITE OF TRANSFORMATION. IT HAS MORPHOGEN-BOOSTING PROPERTIES WHICH HELP TO UNLOCK MUTANT POTENTIAL IN THOSE SUFFERING FROM ARRESTED GENETIC DEVELOPMENT.

SO WHY NOT JUST HAND OUT THE FRUIT?



BECAUSE "*AGD*" AFFECTS ALMOST 1% OF THE POPULATION. THAT'S ABOUT *SIXTY MILLION* PEOPLE WORLDWIDE.

BESIDES, THE FRUIT ALONE DOESN'T ENABLE FULL MUTATION. IT TAKES THE TRANSFORMATIONAL POWERS OF THE SENSEI TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS.

THE WONDERFUL MR. MERCATOR.



DO I DETECT A NOTE OF IRONY?

AH...MISTER--UM--SENSEI...

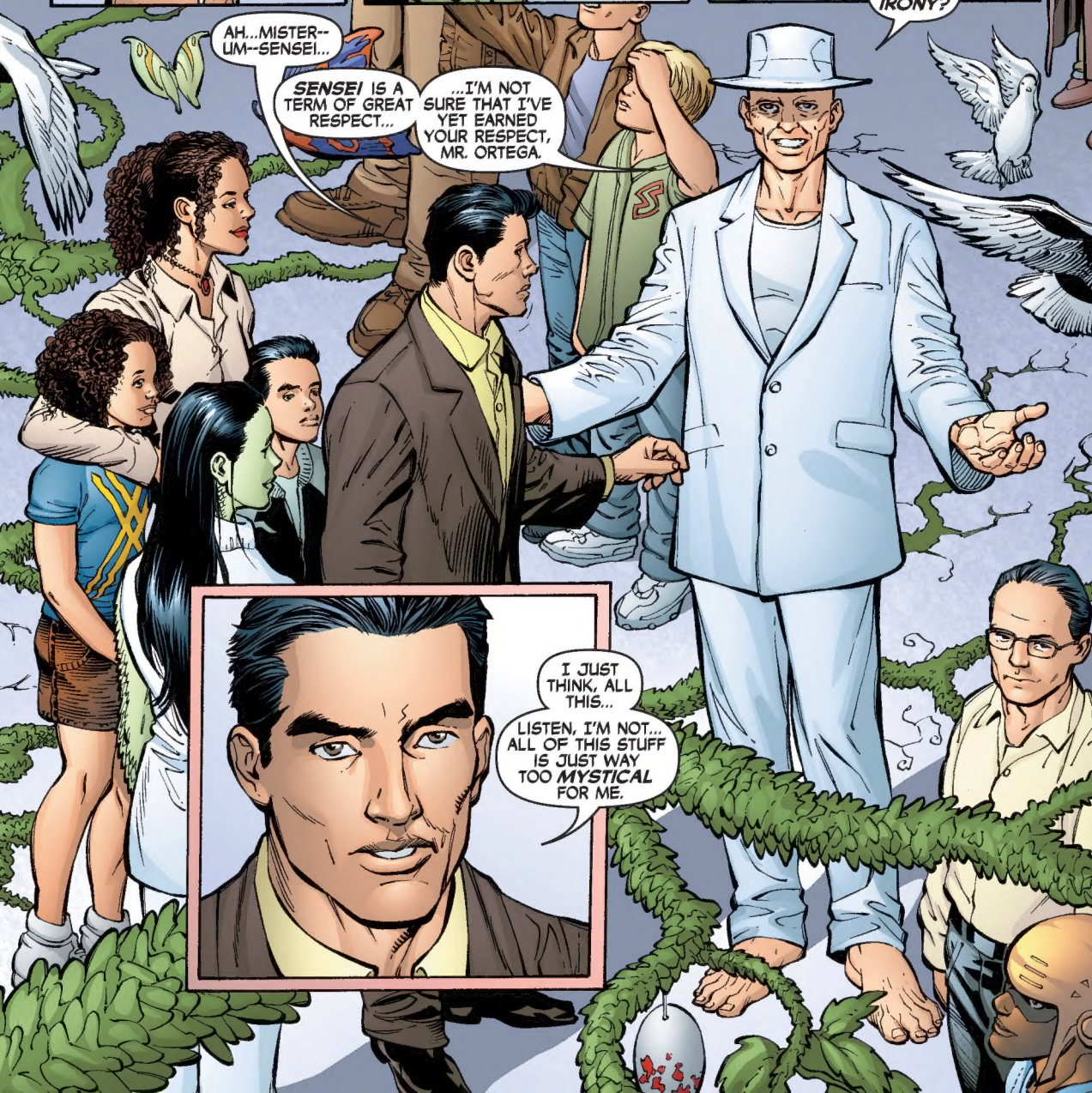
*SENSEI* IS A TERM OF GREAT RESPECT...

...I'M NOT SURE THAT I'VE YET EARNED YOUR RESPECT, MR. ORTEGA.



I JUST THINK, ALL THIS...

LISTEN, I'M NOT... ALL OF THIS STUFF IS JUST WAY TOO *MYSTICAL* FOR ME.







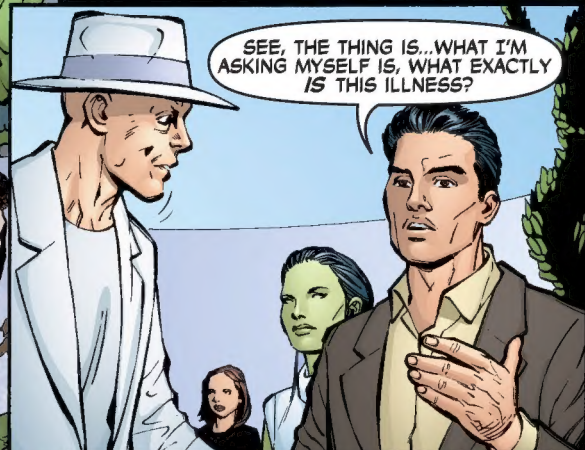
THEN THINK OF  
**ARRESTED GENETIC  
DEVELOPMENT** AS A  
MEDICAL CONDITION.

AND WE HAVE  
FOUND A WAY  
TO **TREAT** IT.

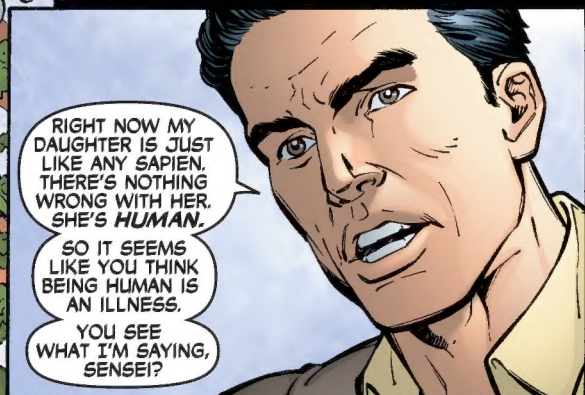
THAT'S WHAT  
MUTOPIA IS ABOUT.  
WE CAN CURE  
YOUR DAUGHTER'S  
CONDITION.

CONDITION?  
YOU MEAN  
ILLNESS?

I  
WOULDN'T  
USE--



SEE, THE THING IS...WHAT I'M  
ASKING MYSELF IS, WHAT EXACTLY  
IS THIS ILLNESS?



RIGHT NOW MY  
DAUGHTER IS JUST  
LIKE ANY SAPIEN.  
THERE'S NOTHING  
WRONG WITH HER.  
SHE'S **HUMAN**.

SO IT SEEMS  
LIKE YOU THINK  
BEING HUMAN IS  
AN ILLNESS.

YOU SEE  
WHAT I'M SAYING,  
SENSEI?



I **SEE** THAT  
YOU ARE NOT YET  
READY TO ALLOW  
YOUR DAUGHTER TO  
ACHIEVE HER FULL  
POTENTIAL.



ISMAEL!  
TELL HIM THAT  
YOU--

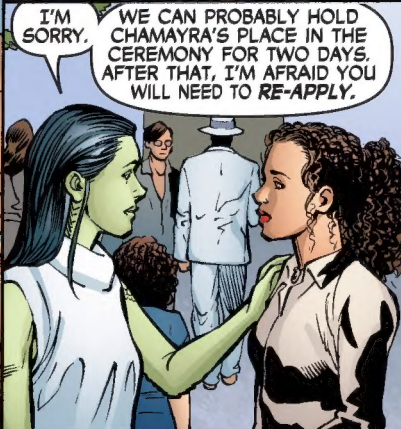
NO, MRS. ORTEGA.  
ALL OF YOU MUST  
BE WILLING.

ALL  
**THREE** OF  
YOU.

DADDY?



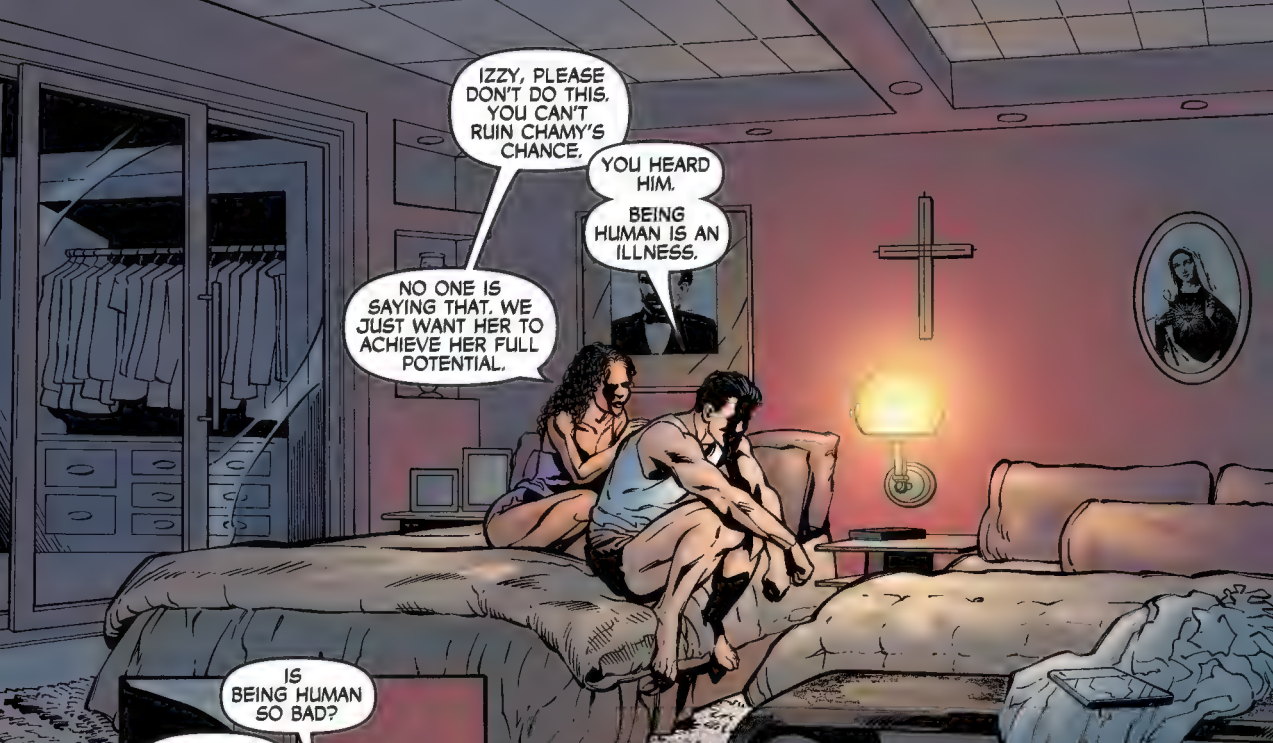
PLEASE, TAKE SOME MORE  
TIME. LET US KNOW WHEN  
YOU'VE DECIDED.



I'M  
SORRY.

WE CAN PROBABLY HOLD  
CHAMAYRA'S PLACE IN THE  
CEREMONY FOR TWO DAYS.  
AFTER THAT, I'M AFRAID YOU  
WILL NEED TO **RE-APPLY**.



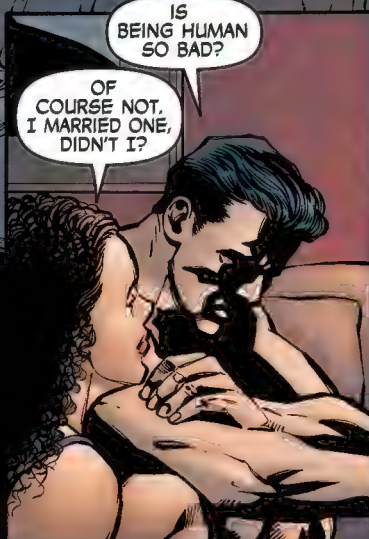


IZZY, PLEASE  
DON'T DO THIS.  
YOU CAN'T  
RUIN CHAMY'S  
CHANCE.

YOU HEARD  
HIM.

BEING  
HUMAN IS AN  
ILLNESS.

NO ONE IS  
SAYING THAT. WE  
JUST WANT HER TO  
ACHIEVE HER FULL  
POTENTIAL.



IS  
BEING HUMAN  
SO BAD?

OF  
COURSE NOT.  
I MARRIED ONE,  
DIDN'T I?

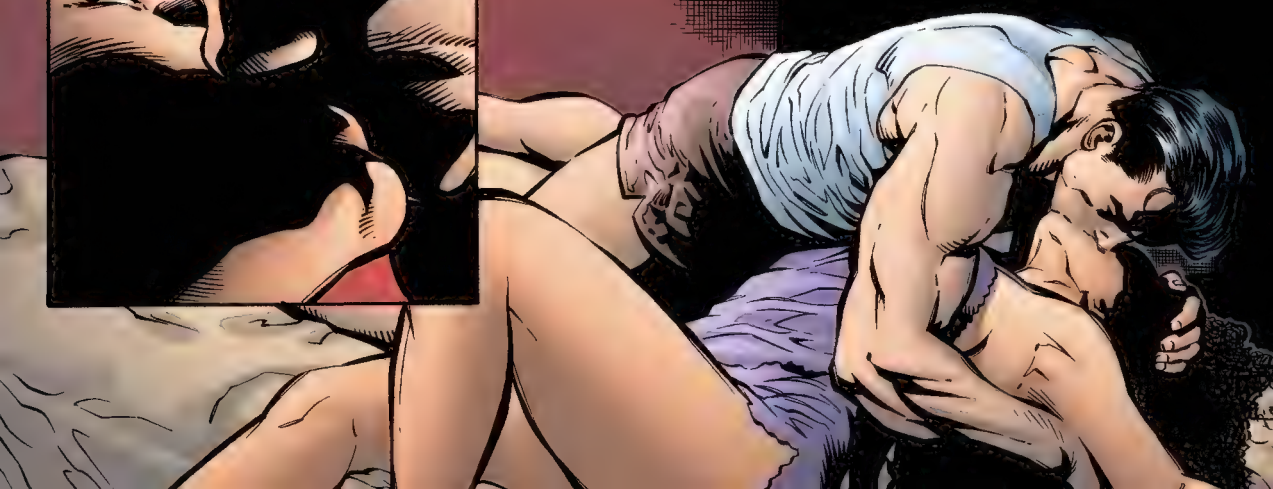


BUT AREN'T  
I ONE RUNG  
LOWER ON  
THE LADDER OF  
EVOLUTION?

IT MUST  
BE LIKE BEING  
MARRIED TO A  
CHIMPANZEE.



MORE LIKE A  
BIG BAD-TEMPERED  
GORILLA.

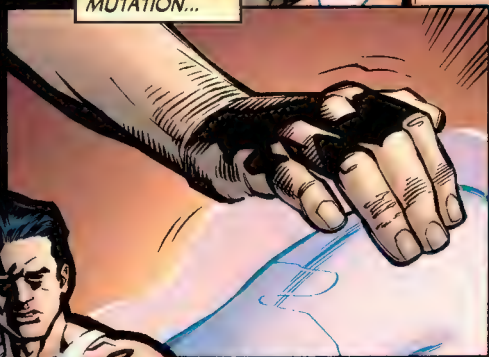






"THE NEXT RUNG UP THE LADDER OF EVOLUTION. HOMO SUPERIOR."

"THING IS WITH MUTATION..."



"...YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO GET."





THE NEXT DAY

MAN, HERE I WAS  
THINKING **PAPPARAZZI!**  
AS A GLAM  
PROFESSION.

NOPE. IT'S DULL,  
BORING AND  
FRUSTRATING.

BETTER THAN A HIT OF  
PURE COLOMBIAN.  
BETTER THAN **SEX.**

BUT WHEN YOU  
GET THAT **ONE SHOT**,  
THE PICTURE THAT GOES AROUND  
THE WORLD. THAT'S LIKE THE  
BIGGEST BUZZ IN THE WORLD.

BETTER THAN SEX?

UH-HUH.

MAYBE YOU  
SHOULD STOP DATING  
THAT CHICK FROM  
ACCOUNTING.

SO HOW LONG  
ARE WE GOING  
TO BE DOING  
THIS?

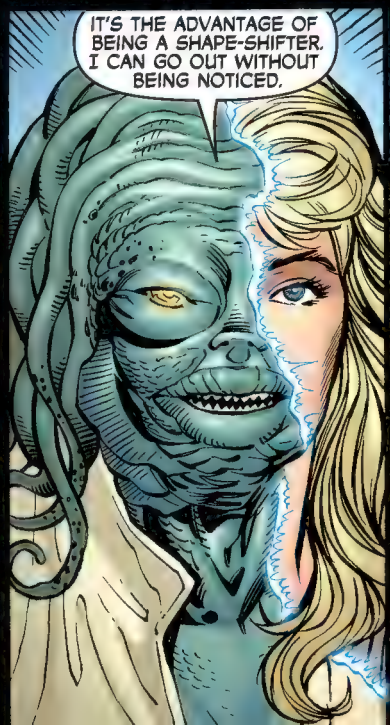
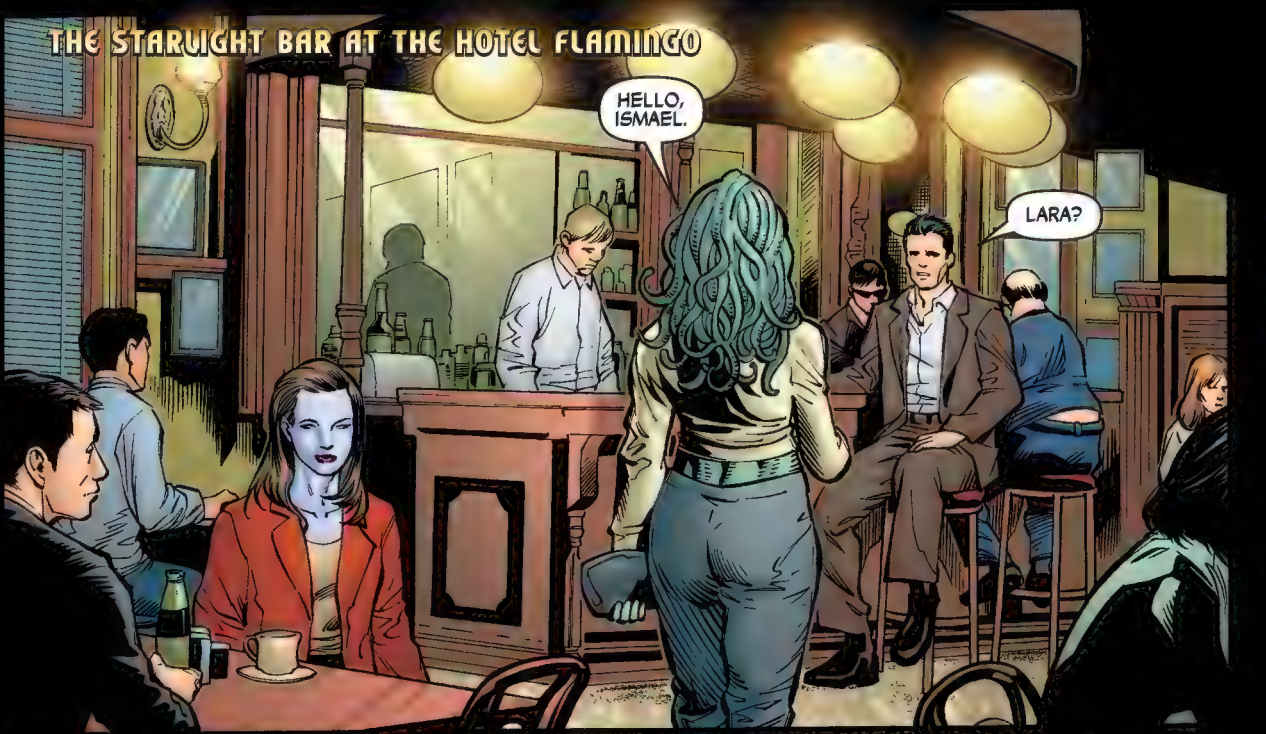
COUPLE  
MORE DAYS.  
IF THEY DON'T  
HOOK UP BY  
THEN, IT AIN'T  
HAPPENING.

I SAY IT  
AIN'T HAPPENING,  
PERIOD.

I GOT HER ON  
FILM SLIPPING THE  
GUY A NOTE.  
**MAYBE** SHE  
WAS JUST FLIRTING,  
BUT MY RADAR  
SAYS--

--HEY, THAT'S **HER!**









I CAN DO MORE THAN THAT. THE SHAPE-SHIFTING IS JUST FOR THE CAMERAS. I CAN DO ILLUSIONS, TOO.

I'M GUESSING YOUR INTERESTS TEND TO THE... EXOTIC.

C-CAN ANYONE ELSE SEE THIS?



THIS IS JUST FOR US, TIGER.



HOW ABOUT YOUR HUSBAND?

WHAT GETS KAUFMAN HOT TO TROT?

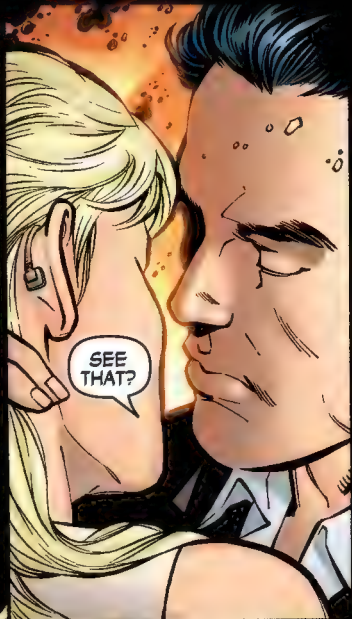
LET'S MAKE ONE THING CLEAR...



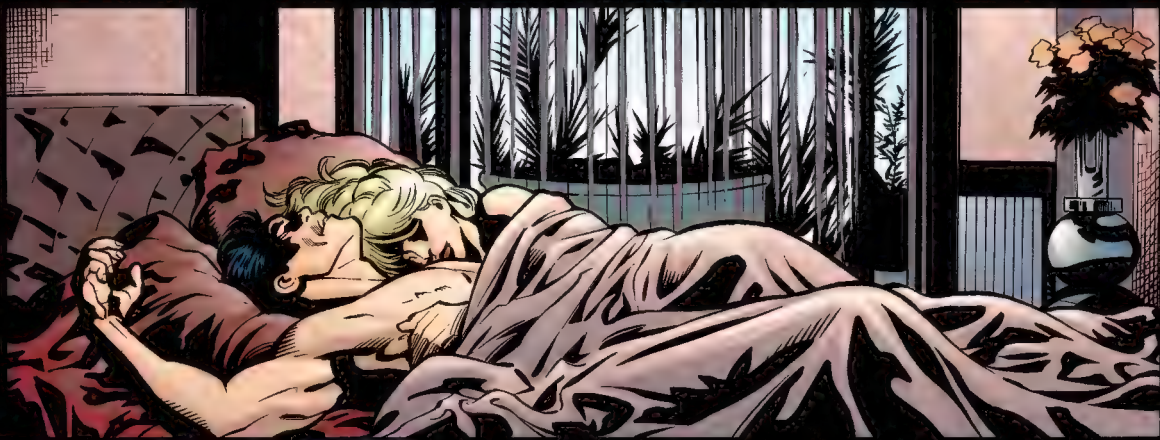
...YOU DON'T ASK ABOUT MY HUSBAND, AND I DON'T ASK WHAT YOU DO WITH YOUR WIFE. OKAY?

OKAY.









LATER...



WALK ME  
DOWN TO  
MY CAR.



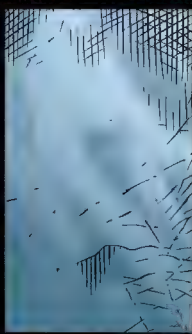
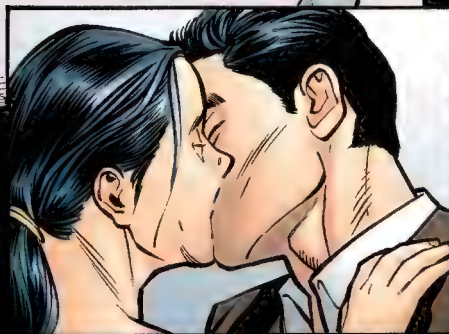
LARA, WOULD  
YOU TURN  
THE DISGUISE  
OFF FOR A  
MINUTE?

WHAT?

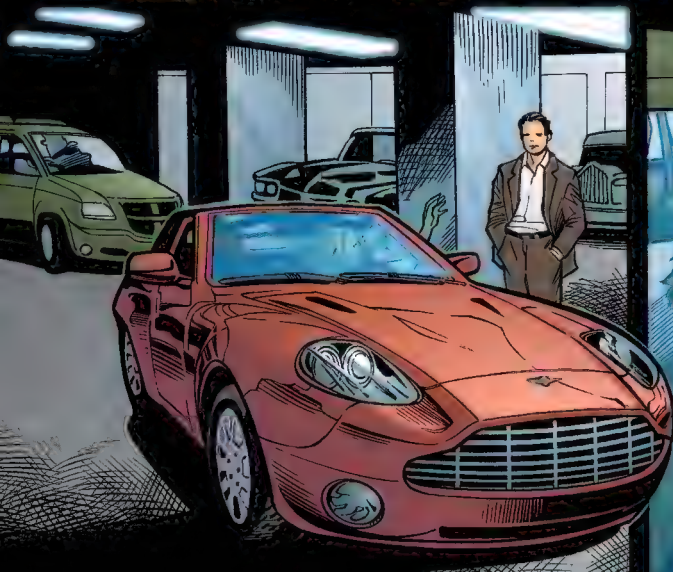
I JUST  
WANT TO LOOK  
AT YOU.

NOTHING  
SPECIAL,  
HUH?

...YOU'RE  
VERY  
SPECIAL.



GOTCHA!



HEH, HEH,  
HEH...









OH MY--  
--WHAT  
HAPPENED?

I WAS  
MUGGED.



LOOK AT  
YOU. POOR  
BABY!

WHERE DID  
IT HAPPEN? DID  
YOU GO TO THE  
POLICE?

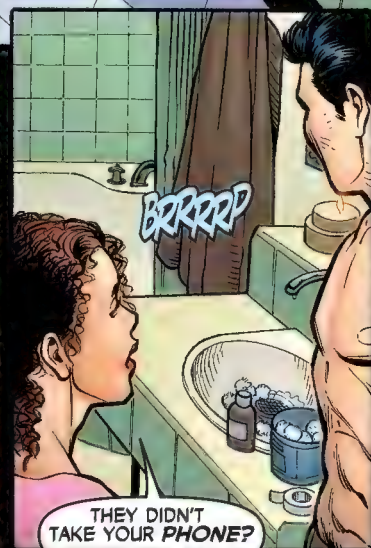
IT'S NOT  
**WORTH** IT. THEY ONLY  
TOOK A FEW BUCKS.



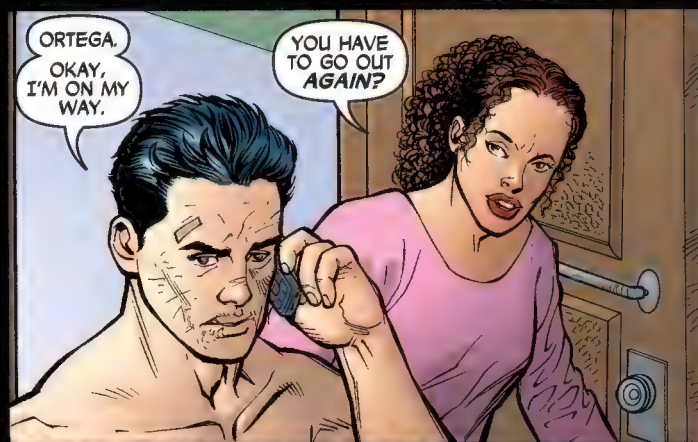
BUT YOU'RE A  
FEDERAL AGENT.  
YOU **HAVE** TO  
REPORT IT.

LOOK. IT'S  
EMBARASSING,  
OKAY?

I LET A COUPLE  
OF LOWLIFES GET  
THE JUMP ON ME.  
IT'S NOT **WORTH** IT.

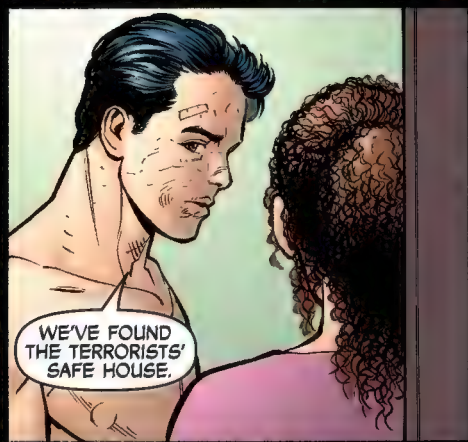


THEY DIDN'T  
TAKE YOUR PHONE?



ORTEGA.  
OKAY,  
I'M ON MY  
WAY.

YOU HAVE  
TO GO OUT  
**AGAIN?**



WE'VE FOUND  
THE TERRORISTS'  
SAFE HOUSE.













PERMISSION  
TO CLEAR THAT  
BUILDING WITH  
EXTREME  
PREJUDICE?

GRANTED.

JUST GIVE  
ME A COUPLE  
OF SECONDS  
TO POWER THIS  
SUCKER UP.

WHAMMPH

OH MAN!  
WHAT  
DID I JUST  
SAY?!







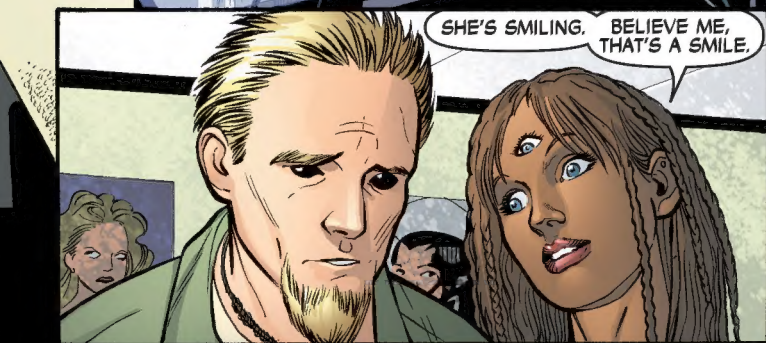
# THE OFFICES OF THE DAILY BUGLE



SO, UH...  
WHAT DO YOU  
THINK?

LOOK AT  
THIS FACE. AM  
I SMILING?

SHE'S SMILING. BELIEVE ME,  
THAT'S A SMILE.



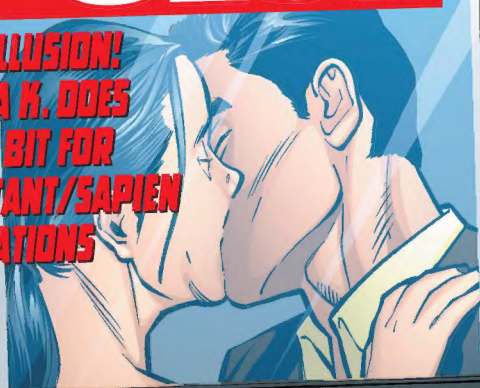
KAUFMAN'S BEEN  
RUNNING AROUND THIS  
TOWN LIKE HE OWNS IT  
FOR TOO LONG! IT'S HIGH  
TIME HIS NOSE WAS PUT  
OUT OF JOINT.

OH, WHAT  
I WOULDN'T GIVE  
TO BE A FLY ON HIS  
WALL WHEN HE  
SEES *THIS!*



## THE PULSE

**NO ILLUSION!  
LARA K. DOES  
HER BIT FOR  
MUTANT/SAPIEN  
RELATIONS**



TO BE CONTINUED...